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BOY SCOUTS IN BUFFALO

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Buffalo, N. Y., August 2.—The boy scout movement has greatly interested the colored boys of this city, and several troops have been formed in Buffalo. In New York City several companies were formed among the colored boys some weeks ago. It is expected that by the first of the year there will be colored companies in all the large cities of the state. George H. Young is one of the scout masters of Buffalo.

The Boy Scouts of America have tripled in the last eight months. There are now 4,500 Scout Masters registered with the national organization. On January 1 there were only 1,400. These facts alone show that there are three times as many troops of scouts under the direction of the leaders of the Boy Scouts of America as there were in the beginning of the year. While it is hard to figure on the number of boys, yet it is quite probable that the Boy Scouts alone number three times as many as at the beginning of the year.

This remarkable growth is due to many reasons. First, boys in every village, town and city through the country have read of the principles of the scout movement and have appreciated how much more fun they can have under a good trainer or Scout Master who takes them into the woods and teaches them various useful things for play and work. Secondly, many young men, learning of the principles of the scout movement have become enthusiastic workers and have made efforts to organize troops because they are fond of the woods and fond of the activities outlined in the scout manual. Thirdly the general interest in the scout organization has spread over the country gradually and persistently in the last year and a half, and there are more Boy Scouts in America to-day than there are in any country in the world.

Since the meeting of the National Council at the White House early in February, greater interest has been aroused in the movement because new badges have been turned out for the boys, a new manual has been issued and many things have been done to appeal directly to the American boys.

Business and professional men also have taken increased interest in the work and have formed local councils in various cities and towns to supervise the scout activities in their localities. The Scout organization has become so strong in several cities that secretaries have been employed to handle the great amount of detail.

The leaders of the Boy Scouts regard this growth not as temporal but as due to the inherent strength and appeal of the Scout principles. They feel sure that the organization which has been approved by the members of different religions and different organizations dealing with boys' work is a thoroughly permanent institution in the life of the country.

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